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THREE PARTS

PART 1

FOUNDERS' NIGHT

MARCH 11TH, 1959

at

THE ALGONQUIN CLUB

Delivered by Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin, March 11th, 1959,
at the
100th Anniversary of Saint Bernard Commandery
No. 12, K.T.

The Founders

My Fraters, to-night we are gathered for the purpose of starting off the 100th Anniversary of our beloved Commandery by paying tribute to its Founders. To the best of my knowledge this is the first time such a tribute has been paid. The names of two of the Founders were very prominent in Masonic circles, the other seven have been more or less forgotten.

Before going into the details of our founding let us look for a moment at the national scene: James Buchanan was occupying the White House in Washington, D. C. The question of slavery was fast arriving to the boiling point. In Illinois, a tall, thin, homely man by the name of Abraham Lincoln was fast coming onto the national scene and, in the Fall, was to be elected the first Republican President of the United States. The population of our country was about 30 million; while here in Massachusetts, the Honorable Nathaniel P. Banks was its Governor and its population was about one million.

The Masonic picture tells us the Most Worshipful John T. Heard was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and Most Eminent Winslow Lewis was Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Up to the year 1859 there were only nine Encampments in our jurisdiction: six in Massachusetts and three in Rhode Island. Of the six in Massachusetts two were located here in Boston, namely Boston No. 2, K.T., and DeMolay No. 7, K.T.

Now who were these nine courageous Knights that were willing to start another Encampment in competition with two already well established here in Boston? Here are the names of those Charter Members as they appear in the original By-Law Book:

William W. Baker
William B. Fowle, Jr.
James A. Dupee
Richard Briggs
Peter C. Jones
Preston A. Ames
Henry W. Warren
Orren S. Sanders
Phineas S. Davis

Later on we will learn something about them and their Masonic history but let us turn to the first written record of a meeting of Saint Bernard Commandery. Although the first written record is dated March 4th, 1859, I

feel that there were probably several informal gatherings previously held; the last of these informal meetings could well have been held on February 26th, 1859, as that is the date of the Petition to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island requesting a dispensation to "form, open and hold a regular Encampment of Knights Templars in the City of Boston, aforesaid, to be named Saint Bernard Encampment." Now the Most Eminent Grand Master must have thought highly of these Sir Knights as you will see when I read the minutes of the first written record of our Commandery. You will note that the name "Encampment" was used until around 1870 when it was changed to "Commandery." I now quote verbatim from the Records —

Boston, 4th March, 1859

The first regular Communication of The St. Bernard Encampment was held this evening at the house of Sir William B. Fowle Junr. No. 49 Worcester St.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by M.E. William W. Baker.

The following Sir Knights were present

Wm. W. Baker	Richard Briggs	E. T. Wilson
P. A. Ames	W. B. Fowle Junr.	B. F. Tenney
	P. S. Davis	

Sir Richard Briggs was appointed Recorder "pro tem."

The M.E. Grand Commander stated that a petition had been presented to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to open an Encampment of Knight Templars and the Appendant Orders to be called the St. Bernard Encampment of which the following is a copy.

"To the M.E.G. Master of the Grand Encampment of Mass. & Rhode Island. The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are severally Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar & Knights of Malta residing in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts & vicinity, that they are in good standing as Knights of that Illustrious Order and among whom are in their opinion a competent number well qualified to form and open an Encampment of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders & to properly discharge the various duties thereof agreeably to ancient usage.

"Having the good of the Order at heart & being desirous to extend the benefits & blessings thereof to Worthy Companions they pray for a dispensation empowering them to form, open, & hold a regular Encampment of Knights Templar in the City of Boston, aforesaid to be named the Saint Bernard Encampment subordinate to & to be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the General principles and usages of the Order, and beg leave respectfully to recommend Sir William W. Baker as their first Grand Commander, Sir William B. Fowle Junr. as their first Generalissimo, Sir James A. Dupee as their first Captain General.

Dated at Boston this twenty sixth day of February Eighteen hundred and fifty nine,

(signed)	William W. Baker	William B. Fowle Junr.	James A. Dupee
	Richard Briggs	B. F. Tenney	Chas. L. Thayer
	Richard M. Barker	O. S. Sanders	W. M. Stedman, Jr."

And that the Grand Master had granted a Dispensation of which the following is a copy.

COPY OF DISPENSATION

"To all whom it may concern Greetings Whereas a petition of sundry Knights Templars in the City of Boston praying that a dispensation may be granted them to open and hold an Encampment of Knights Templars and Councils of the Appendant Orders in said City and whereas the same has been duly recommended as required by the regulations of our Grand Encampment Now know ye that I Winslow Lewis Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by virtue of the power in me vested to grant this my Dispensation to W. W. Baker, James A. Dupee, W. B. Fowle Junr, Richard Briggs, B. F. Tenney, Chas. L. Thayer, Richard M. Barker, O. S. Sanders and W. M. Stedman Jr. the petitioners aforesaid and to their associates and empower them to open and hold an Encampment of Knights Templars and Councils of the Appendent Orders at the place aforesaid and to be called and distinguished by the name of St. Bernard Encampment and in each of the several Orders to confer the respective degrees thereof upon such person or persons possessing the requisite qualifications as they may deem proper. And I do by these presents appoint Sir W. W. Baker as Grand Commander & Sir Wm. B. Fowle Jr as Generalissimo and Sir James A. Dupee as Captain General with continuance to them of the said powers and privileges until the next annual Meeting of our Grand Encampment aforesaid in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty nine and no longer Provided nevertheless that the said officers and members of the said Encampment pay due respect to our Grand Encampment and to the Constitution and Edicts thereof and in no way remove the ancient Landmarks of our Order otherwise this dispensation and all things therein contained to be void and of no effect.

"Given under my hand and seal at the City of Boston this 26th Day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty nine.

(signed) Winslow Lewis
Grand Master of
Massachusetts & Rhode Island L.S.

L. S. attest
(signed) W. H. L. Smith
Grand Recorder

On motion of Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. it was voted to accept the Dispensation.

The M.E.G. Comr. submitted the names of the following Sir Knights as having associated with St. Bernard Encampment for the purpose of completing its organization, viz; W. W. Baker, W. B. Fowle Jr, James A. Dupee, Richard Briggs, B. F. Tenney, Chas. L. Thayer, Richard M. Barker, O. S. Sanders, W. M. Stedman Jr., Peter C. Jones, E. T. Wilson, P. A. Ames, B. F. Stevens, P. A. Davis, J. J. Whiting, Chas. W. Cotting, E. G. Nickerson, C. W. Galloupe, S. E. Brown, Jos. E. Billings, H. W. Warren, and announced that the Council had made the following appointments to hold during the period of the Dispensation, Viz

Sir O. S. Sanders as Prelate	Sir P. A. Ames as Senior Warden
Sir Richard Briggs as Recorder	Sir P. C. Jones as Treasurer
Sir E. F. Gay as Sentinel	Sir P. S. Davis as Warder

On motion of Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. it was voted that the M.E.G. Comr be a Committee of one to wait upon the Directors of Nassau Hall with full powers to make suitable arrangements for use of said Hall in which to hold our Meetings.

On motion of Sir P. A. Ames it was voted to accept the use of the Regalia Etc which the DeMolay Encampment had in the kindest manner tendered the new Encampment and that the Recorder be requested to return suitable thanks for this very timely and courteous offer.

On motion of Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. it was voted that a Committee be raised to consider the subject of By Laws and report at the next meeting. The Committee consists of Sir Knights Fowle, Ames & Wilson to which the M.E.G. Comr was added as Chairman.

Sir Richard Briggs proposed Companion Chas. Endicott for the Orders and it was voted to refer the application to a Committee.

On motion of Sir P. A. Ames the following Sir Knights were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the subject of a suitable Regalia, etc. for the St. Bernard Encampment viz the M.E.G. Comr, Fowle, Dupee, Wilson and Davis.

On motion of Sir E. T. Wilson Sir James A. Dupee was appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable seal for the use of the Encampment.

On motion of the Recorder the Council were requested to make necessary arrangements for the Customary festival.

The Generalissimo here called the attention of the Sir Knights to a banquet which had been prepared and at which a very pleasant hour was passed and at eleven o'clock the Encampment closed.

Attest Richard Briggs Recorder

Following these minutes, the Recorder has written this:

During the evening the M.E. Gr. Comr favored the Sir Knights with the following facts relating to St. Bernard viz —

"St. Bernard was a learned French Ecclesiastic of noble family who flourished in the eleventh century and was born in Burgundy in the year 1071. From his infancy he was by a pious mother dedicated to the Church and both from inclination and a natural taste conscientiously & vigorously devoted himself to his sacred calling. He was of the Order of St. Citeaux, the most severe then existing, the austerity of which was so excessive as to be spoken of, even by the most religious, with a shudder of horror & compassion. As he advanced in life his reputation and influence in the Church increased to such an extent that had he been ambitious as he was humble he might with confidence have aspired to the Supreme head of the Church. In the year 1128, a few years after the formation at Jerusalem of 'Melites Templi' or Order of Knights Templar, the Order not having been able to increase or develop itself, its Grand Master, Hugh de Paganis, came to Rome to ask of the Pope a rule of life and that high Roman Sanction, without which nothing flourishes in the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Honorious, well understanding the importance of an institution so well suited to the taste of the times, submitted the matter to a Council of French Bishops assembled at Troyes. The Council applauded the generous project of the Order

and charged St. Bernard, the Abbot of Clairvaux with the highly important commission of drawing up the Statutes of the Order. He readily entered into the spirit that animated the Templars and gave them a rule breathing military ardor and monastic fervor. This rule resolves itself into the formula of the oath taken by the Knight at his profession —

> "'Go forth,' says the pious Saint in conclusion. 'Go forth brave Knights, pursue with an intrepid heart the enemies of the Corp of Jesus Christ and in all peril and on all occasions repeat these words of the Apostle, "Living or dead we are the Lord's" Conquerors or Martyrs rejoice for you are the Lord's' "

That, my Fraters, is what Sir Richard Briggs wrote for the first minutes of St. Bernard Commandery. You will note that he never went back and filled in the blanks; also that some of the names read never became members. Two things do stand out however. First, a Companion was proposed for the Orders, showing that they intended to go right to work. Second, that they had a feast of some sort following the Meeting.

I am only going to read one more complete minutes which covers the second meeting that was held in March of that year (1859).

Boston, 24th March, 1859

A Regular Communication was held this evening at Nassau Hall. An Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross was opened at seven o'clock, M.E. W. W. Baker in the East. The following Sir Knights were present, viz:

W. W. Baker	W. B. Fowle, Jr.	P. C. Jones	O. S. Sanders
C. W. Moore	Winslow Lewis	P. A. Ames	J. J. Whiting
P. S. Davis	B. F. Tenney	B. F. Stevens	C. W. Galloupe
C. W. Cotting	S. E. Brown	J. E. Billings	H. W. Warren
Richard Briggs			

The Committee having in charge the application of Comp. Chas. Endicott for the Orders reported favorably; he was balloted for and unanimously admitted. The Order of the Red Cross was then conferred on Comp. Endicott in a very able & impressive manner.

The M.E.G. Com. stated that he had received a communication from the Boston Encampment tendering the new Encampment the use of such Regalia, etc. as they might need and on motion of Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. it was voted to accept this courteous offer and the Recorder was requested to return suitable thanks to the Boston Encampment for their kindness and attention.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to procuring suitable rooms in which to hold our meeting stated that they had made application to the Directors of Nassau Hall which would receive due attention at the first meeting of that board.

On motion of Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. it was voted that the first twenty five Sir Knights who associated themselves with our Encampment should be exempt from membership fees should we receive a Charter from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts & Rhode Island.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare By Laws presented a draft of such as were adapted to our present purposes which were accepted & adopted with the exception of the section referring to Membership Fees and on motion of Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. it was voted to defer any action upon this section until our next meeting.

Sir O. S. Sanders proposed Sir Chas. B. Hall for Associate Membership and it was voted to receive this application & refer it to a Committee.

At 9½ o'clock the Encampment closed.

attest Richard Briggs Recorder

$50.00 of Chas. Endicote & pd same to Treasurer.

Here is the first record of work which took place in the first month of the Encampment's existence. Companion Chas. Endicote received the Order of the Temple on May 10th., The Order of Malta on June 21st. and was admitted to Membership and signed the By Laws on September 15th.

The following facts of what took place that first year seem most interesting: On May 31st Sir James A. Dupee presented a very ancient and valuable Copy of the Holy Scripture and also a beautiful Seal. Appropriate thanks to the donor are recorded.

On June 16th Sir W. B. Fowle Jr. invited all the members to an excursion in his yacht the "Nettle." This invitation was unanimously accepted but there is no record or report of this trip but we must assume that they had a grand time.

On November 4th a meeting of the petitioners for the Charter of the new Encampment was called. The Eminent Commander announced that the Grand Encampment had granted a Charter to St. Bernard Encampment and a committee was voted to make the necessary arrangements for the Consecration, etc.

On November 19th the Encampment met to receive the Charter. The Grand Commander and his Suite appeared but the Charter not being ready there was no ceremony and the Grand Officers retired.

On December 1st another special meeting was called to receive the Charter and be duly constituted. The Grand Commander appeared with his Grand Warder but owing to the neglect of the Grand Recorder the Charter was not in readiness.

On December 19th the Grand Commander showed up for the third time and this time he had the Charter and, here the Records say instituted but I think it should be constituted, "St. Bernard Encampment, number twelve." Thus the third time didn't fail. At this meeting the Grand Commander installed the following Officers:

Eminent W. W. Baker, Grand Commander
Sir W. B. Fowle, Jr., Generalissimo

Sir James A. Dupee, Captain General
Sir Peter C. Jones, Treasurer
Sir Richard Briggs, Recorder
Sir O. S. Sanders, Prelate

The Recorder has left five blank pages which were to be a copy of the Charter but during the next twenty-five years of his Recordership he never found time to make the Copy.

Just a word here about our Charter. On April 6, 1864, the Winthrop House where the Encampment met was destroyed by fire and Boston, DeMolay and St. Bernard Encampments lost their Charters but St. Bernard was fortunate in that every signer of the original Charter was living and a duplicate original charter was made and that is the one we now have.

The time has arrived to give you a brief sketch of each Founder:

William Wilson Baker

This Sir Knight seems to have been the leading spirit in the conception and founding of our Commandery. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, May 4, 1822, and entered "the Asylum Above" on November 17, 1882. His occupation was that of a druggist. His Masonic life was one of intense activity and was as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated January 6, 1845
- Passed February 6, 1845
- Raised February 25, 1845
- Membership May 1, 1845
- Wor. Master 1850-1851
- Honorary Member May 2, 1861

Revere Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member 1856
- 1st Wor. Master 1856-1857
- Secretary 1869-1879, 1881

Grand Lodge
- Junior Grand Deacon 1858-1859
- Grand Marshal 1860-1861
- Dis. Dep. Grand Master 1862-1863
- Senior Grand Warden 1863

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted November 4, 1846
- High Priest 1850-1851

Encampment
Boston No. 2 K.T.
- Knighted April 21, 1847

St. Bernard
- Charter Member 1859
- First Commander 1859, 1860, 1861

Grand Encampment
- Grand Master 1867-1869

He was the last one to hold the title "Grand Master of the Grand Encampment"

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he served as Thrice Potent Master of Boston Lodge of Perfection from 1849-1852, and was made an Honorary Thirty-third Degree Mason on May 19, 1865.

William B. Fowle, Jr.

This Sir Knight was also born in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 27, 1826, and died in Newton, Massachusetts, date unknown. It was at his home that the first recorded Meeting of the Commandery was held. What his occupation was

we do not know, but this we do know — that he was a Captain in the Union Army and was Senior Warden of McClellan Army Lodge.

His masonic record is as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated March 7, 1850
- Passed April 18, 1850
- Raised May 6, 1850
- Membership June 6, 1850
- Wor. Master 1856-1857
- Demitted October 5, 1876

Pequossette Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member January 6, 1858
- Honorary Member January 20, 1859

Fraternity Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member September 13, 1876

St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted October 29, 1850

Encampment
- Boston No. 2 K.T.
  - Knighted December 13, 1850
- St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
  - Charter Member 1859
  - First Generalissimo

James A. Dupee

This Sir Knight seems to have been one of the very active Founders. He was a merchant but what kind we do not have a record. However, Records show that he was a Charter Member, but demitted from the Commandery February 8, 1871; later he was made an Honorary Member on January 14, 1874. He died in Boston on October 18, 1886. Why he never advanced to the office of Commander we shall probably never know. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, June 22, 1819.

His masonic record is as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated April 1, 1847
- Crafted May 7, 1847
- Raised June 3, 1847

Lodge of Eleusis, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member 1865

William Parkman Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Affiliated May 13, 1879

Grand Lodge
- Grand Sword Bearer 1862-63

St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted (date unknown)

Encampment:
- Boston No. 2 K.T.
  - Knighted March 29, 1854
- St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
  - Charter Member 1859
  - First Captain General

Richard Briggs

Once again we come to a Sir Knight of whom we know quite a lot. He was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, on August 23, 1829, and "passed beyond the Veil" on July 29, 1893. He was a well-known merchant in Boston dealing in crockery. At the time of his death he was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and had served only seven months.

His masonic record is as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated May 20, 1852
- Passed June 3, 1852
- Raised July 1, 1852
- Demitted February 5, 1857

Revere Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member 1856
- Wor. Master 1862-1863
- Demitted September 3, 1867

Lodge of Eleusis, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member 1865
- Wor. Master 1867-1868

Grand Lodge
- Junior Grand Warden 1870
- Grand Master 1893

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted April 4, 1855
- High Priest 1859-1860

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts
- Grand High Priest 1865-1867

Boston Council R & S Masters
- Greeted January 17, 1856

Encampment
- Boston No. 2 K.T.
  - Knighted January 16, 1856
- St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
  - Charter Member 1859
  - First Recorder 1859-1885
  - Commander 1887-1889

Peter C. Jones

This Sir Knight was the oldest of the Founders, having been born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on August 10, 1808, and died on May 23, 1885. His occupation was Assistant Engineer in the Fire Department.

His masonic record is as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated April 1, 1841
- Passed April 1, 1841
- Raised May 6, 1841
- Wor. Master 1848-1849
- Honorary Member 1861

Grand Lodge
- Grand Sword Bearer 1857-1860
- Junior Grand Deacon 1861
- Junior Grand Warden 1862

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted March 2, 1842
- High Priest 1847-1848

Encampment
- Boston No. 2 K.T.
  - Knighted November 8, 1843
- St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
  - Charter Member 1859
  - First Treasurer
  - Demitted June 8, 1870

Preston Adams Ames

Here is a Sir Knight that I like to call the Grand Old Founder of St. Bernard Commandery for several reasons:

1. He was a Founder and Charter Member.
2. He was the second Commander.
3. He lacked only fifteen days of being a fifty-year member.
4. He was the last Charter Member to die. He was eighty-three years old.

He was born in Isleboro, Maine, on August 31, 1826, and was raised in St. Croix Lodge No. 46, Calais, Maine, in 1847 when he was twenty-one years old.

His masonic record is as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Affiliated — October 4, 1849
- Demitted — January 2, 1862

Aberdour Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member — 1860
- Wor. Master — 1861-1862
- Demitted — May 13, 1873
- Honorary Member — January 8, 1907

Grand Lodge
- Grand Sword Bearer — 1864

St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted — November 26, 1850

Encampment

Boston No. 2 K.T.
- Knighted — June 4, 1851

St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
- Charter Member — 1859
- First Senior Warden Commander — 1862-1863

It is not recorded what his occupation was. He entered "the Asylum Above" February 17, 1905.

Henry William Warren

We do not know where or when this Sir Knight was born. The Grand Lodge records state that he was a merchant and that he died on May 6, 1905. In the Commandery records there is no account of his demitting or death.

His masonic record is as follows:

Columbian Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated — November 5, 1857
- Passed — December 3, 1857
- Raised — January 7, 1858
- Wor. Master — 1863-1864

Lodge of Eleusis, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member — 1865
- Wor. Master — 1865-1866
- Demitted — May 18, 1882

St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted — November 30, 1858

Encampment

DeMolay No. 7 K.T.
- Knighted — (date unknown)

St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
- Charter Member — 1859
- First Warder

Phineas Stearns Davis

This Sir Knight was evidently a military man, as the Grand Lodge records his occupation as Colonel of the 39th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. It is assumed that he was born and lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but the date of his birth is unknown. In the Civil War he organized Army Lodge No. 8 in his Regiment and was its first Worshipful Master. The diploma of Bro. John S. Beck of Army Lodge No. 8 and signed by him as Worshipful Master, is in the Grand Lodge Museum. It is recorded in our Records of October 7, 1864, that word had been received just before the meeting that this Founder had been killed on the battlefield but it does not state where or in what engagement. There are written in the Records of that date a set of Resolutions to his memory. In the By-Laws after the date of his death there is written "on the Field of Honor." So far as I can learn, this is the only case of a member of this Commandery killed in the service of his Country.

His masonic record is as follows:

Putnam Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated — Unknown
- Passed — Unknown
- Raised — February 16, 1857
- Wor. Master — 1860-1861

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted — September 1, 1858

Boston Council R. & S. Masters
- Greeted — April 25, 1860

Encampment:

Boston No. 2 K.T.
- Knighted — March 26, 1858

St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
- Charter Member — 1859
- First Junior Warden

Orren Strong Sanders

This Sir Knight's history is rather strange. We do not know the date of his birth or where he was born. It is not known what his occupation was, but he might well have been a member of the "Clothe." He signed the Petition to the Grand Encampment and his name appears on both the Dispensation and the Charter, yet he never signed the By-Laws. He demitted from the Commandery April 5, 1861, but did not die until November 20, 1898.

His masonic record is as follows:

Lodge of Saint Andrew's, A.F. & A.M.
- Initiated — October 13, 1853
- Passed — January 12, 1854
- Raised — January 12, 1854

Revere Lodge, A.F. & A.M.
- Charter Member — 1856
- Worshipful Master — 1858-1859

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter
- Exalted — January 2, 1856

Boston Council R. & S. Masters
- Greeted — October 27, 1859

Encampment

Boston No. 2 K.T.
- Knighted — January 21, 1857

St. Bernard No. 12 K.T.
- Charter Member — 1859
- First Prelate

That is about all I know or can find out about our nine Founders. However, since the Charter of St. Bernard Encampment was granted, its members have played an important part in all the Grand Bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites. In the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts there have been eleven (11) Grand Masters, one (1) Honorary Past Grand Master; twelve (12) Deputy Grand Masters; thirteen (13) Senior Grand Wardens; seven (7) Junior Grand Wardens; one (1) Grand Treasurer; three (3) Grand Secretaries; many of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens served as Grand Marshals. In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter there have been two (2) Grand High Priests; six (6) Deputy Grand High Priests; and one (1) Grand King. In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters there have been two (2) Most Illustrious Grand Masters; two (2) Deputy Grand Masters; and two (2) Grand Principal Conductors of the Work. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island show two (2) Grand Commanders. When we come to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Boston

our members have been very prominent — one (1) Sovereign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; five (5) Thrice Potent Masters of Boston-Lafayette Lodge of Perfection; four (4) Sovereign Princes of Giles F. Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem; nine (9) Most Wise Masters of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix; and ten (10) Commanders in Chief of Massachusetts Consistory. The number of Thirty-third Degree Masons has been very large — at one time, not too long ago, it was stated on high authority that the percentage of Thirty-third Degree Masons in this Commandery was the highest in the Country. This is truly a remarkable record when you stop to realize that this Commandery during the past one hundred years has taken into its ranks only four hundred and ninety (490) members; this is an average of less than five per year.

The Founders of our beloved Commandery set an example of quality and not quantity, and this custom has been faithfully followed throughout the years and may it continue to be carried on by those who follow in the years to come. They set an example of comradeship among its members which has been its prominent characteristic. Let us never lose it!

PART 2

100th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

DECEMBER 5TH, 1959

at

THE HARVARD CLUB

SAINT BERNARD COMMANDERY NO. 12, K.T.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COMMANDERY

Delivered by

EM. SIR HARRY L. WIGGIN

AT THE

100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

DECEMBER 5TH, 1959

It is only given to the living members of a Commandery to be able to participate at its One Hundredth Anniversary. Tonight we are gathered for that purpose. It is to be regretted that for the 20th, 50th, and 75th Anniversaries no written histories are in existence, although there were at both the 20th and 50th. Your historian was given to understand by those present on that latter historical afternoon and evening that most interesting and scholarly addresses were given by Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton and Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis; but what became of these addresses is not known. The only sources of information for this review comes from the Records of the Recorders, a printed address of Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe at a dinner given in his honor of fifty years a member, and the fortieth anniversary of his election as Commander, and from your historian's recollections of the past forty years and information he gathered from the older members during his early years in the Commandery.

On March 11th last we paid tribute to the nine Founders of our beloved St. Bernard and, at that time, a brief account of each Founder as well as the history of its founding was given. We shall not go into any details of those events.

Your historian proposes to give you only the highlights of the past one hundred years; the starting of certain customs; and some of the names of its members who were and are prominent in Masonic Circles, political fields, and civic endeavors. To cover these highlights we shall take them in chronological order.

The first written record is dated March 4th, 1859, but Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe states that as early as 1855 the formation of St. Bernard Encampment was seriously considered, but both Boston and DeMolay Commanderies did not approve the granting of another charter for another Commandery in Boston until the winter of 1858-1859. Rt. Em. Sir Winslow Lewis, then the Grand Commander, gave a dispensation on February 26th, 1859, to form a new Commandery and that its name would be Saint Bernard. That Fall the Grand Commandery voted to grant it a charter along with two other petitioners, Palestine Commandery in Chelsea and Milford Commandery in Milford; the latter two were given the numbers 10 and 11 respectively, with St. Bernard designated as number 12; and the three Charters are dated October 28, 1859.

In the fire of April 6, 1864, when the Winthrop House where the Masonic Apartments were located was destroyed, all three Commanderies, Boston, De-Molay and St. Bernard, lost their Charters, but, as all the Grand Commandery Officers who had signed the original Charter were living, a duplicate original Charter was signed by them. No account of this fire can be found in the Records of this Commandery. After the destruction of the Winthrop House all Masonic bodies met in Freemason Hall, 10 Summer Street, Boston.

On March 15th, 1866, in these new quarters, the three banners of St. Bernard Commandery, Red Cross, Temple and Malta, were consecrated by the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Rt. Em. Sir William S. Gardner. The ritual of consecration had been prepared with much care and skill by Rt. Em. Sir Gardner, who, as the Official Representative of the Grand Encampment, presided on this occasion. This ceremony of consecration in full and ancient form, was entirely new in this jurisdiction and was given most earnest attention by those present. This is the first recorded occasion where the ladies of our members were present. Let us also report that a banquet followed the ceremonies.

It might be of interest to note that on May 5, 1865, this Commandery exemplified The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, The Order of the Temple and The Order of Malta in the presence of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Recorder states that it was done in a manner highly satisfactory to all present. What a day that must have been for the Officers!

Here is another interesting item under the date of April 6, 1866. Em. Sir P. Adams Ames presented the Commandery with a portrait of our Patron Saint "Saint Bernard." According to the records it was "obtained by him in the Papal Dominions with great trouble and expense."

On June 24, 1867, the new Masonic Temple was dedicated and it was here that St. Bernard Commandery appeared for the first time mounted with Banners; forty-six Sir Knights in uniform under the command of Em. Sir Henry Mulliken participated in this event and received most favorable writeups. The Recorder made no record of this important event.

In 1867, Em. Sir William W. Baker, the Founder and first Commander of St. Bernard Commandery, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and held that office until 1869. He was the last Grand Commander of this jurisdiction to hold the title of Grand Master; since that time the title has been Right Eminent and the name Grand Encampment became Grand Commandery; and at the same time the subordinate bodies became known as Commanderies and not Encampments.

On February 3, 1869, a vote of thanks was extended to Sir William W. Tucker for a very elegant Punch Ladle and on May 5th of that year a vote of thanks was given to Em. Sir P. Adams Ames for a set of statuettes of Knights of Antiquity (they were lost in a later fire); also on this date the By-Laws were changed, making the second Wednesday of the month the regular meeting night, and there it has remained for ninety years.

On February 9, 1870, the Recorder, for the first time, uses the phrase "St. Bernard Commandery" in his records.

At the Conclave held June 13, 1877, Em. Sir William H. Chessman presented the Commandery with an ancient Templar sword which was dug up on the Island of Malta. By vote of the Commandery on that date, this sword has been used in creating and dubbing the Candidates of this Commandery ever since.

March 12, 1879, marked the 20th Anniversary of the Commandery and at the banquet the Anniversary Address was given by Em. Sir T. Lyman Winship; also the Commandery Song was introduced by Em. Sir George F. Hurd, having been written by him. As far as your historian can learn, no copy of this address is in existence. A grand time was had by all and according to the records many speeches were delivered.

The records of December 12, 1882, announce the death of Rt. Em. Sir William W. Baker, our first Commander, which occurred November 17, 1882. A committee presented a series of resolutions on his death and cover about three and a quarter pages; these Resolutions may be found in Vol. 2, pages 15, 16, 17 & 18; also on page 201 will be found copies of the Grand Commandery Official Order, the In Memoriam and the Memorial as printed in the proceedings of the Grand Commandery for that year.

On March 14, 1883, Companion Henry S. Rowe was proposed for The Orders of Knighthood. The name of this valiant Knight is mentioned for several reasons: first, he held membership in this Commandery longer than any other member — 56½ years; second, he was a Past Commander for 46½ years; and third, those of us who were members before 1940 remember him well and the fund of information he could entertain us with about the early days of the Commandery and its members. The Address he gave on June 14, 1933, at the Complimentary Dinner given by the Commandery in his honor, contains much information not found in the Records of the Recorders.

The Recorder made no mention of the 25th Anniversary of the Commandery either in the March or December records, but Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe stated to your historian that quite a Banquet was held. At the end of 1884 the membership was 91 Sir Knights.

At the Annual Conclave held December 9, 1885, Sir Richard Briggs, the first Recorder, retired from that office after 26 years of service and was elected Generalissimo and became Eminent Commander in December 1887. Sir Thomas W. Davis became the new Recorder.

The records inform us that during the last few years of the first quarter century of the Commandery it was the custom to hold an Annual Dinner in November and from the accounts as well as reading between the lines these were very lively affairs. These dinners were held at either Young's Hotel or the Parker House; subjects were assigned to various members, generally Past Commanders, who responded most fittingly to the various Toasts. At these dinners we find the "First and Only Regular Toast," the Saint Bernard Song, and the closing with the Mystic Circle and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

With the installing of a new Recorder it is noted that the records are more complete and better written. Sir Thomas W. Davis, later a Commander, is the one responsible for the arrangement of writing the Records as they appear today.

On December 12, 1888, Sir Thomas W. Davis was elected Captain General and Sir Thomas S. Spurr was elected Recorder. Then in December 1889, Sir Thomas W. Davis was elected Commander and Sir Fred E. Jones was elected Recorder and held this office for eleven years. On the 30th Anniversary the membership of the Commandery stood at 99 Sir Knights.

At the Regular Conclave held May 11, 1892, it is recorded that St. Bernard Commandery adopted Resolutions urging that the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America be held in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1895. At the Annual Conclave that same year Sir Henry S. Rowe was elected Eminent Commander.

The Records of February 8, 1893, state the Em. Sir William H. Chessman gave a statement relative to the ancient Templar Sword he had given to the Commandery back in 1877. In this statement he gave the translation of the mottos on either side of the blade; the language used is that of the time of the Crusades and is a composite of ancient Latin and modern Italian:

Draw me not without cause
Shield me not without honor.

Needless to say, this sword is one of our most cherished possessions.

March 8, 1893, is a most interesting and important date, because on that evening Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe, Commander, presented each of the living Past Commanders with a Past Commander's Jewel which, your historian was told, was designed by him. Previous to this time no Past Commander's Jewel had ever been given.

The Records of May 10, 1893, show that for the first (and only) time a Past Commander from another jurisdiction was elected to Membership. Em. Sir Edmund B. Cowles was a Past Commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K.T., of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut and was a faithful attendant at the Conclaves until his death on April 28, 1913, a period of twenty years. He will be referred to at a later time.

During the summer of 1893, July 29th, Em. Sir Richard Briggs died very suddenly. He was a Founder, Charter Member, First Recorder and a Past Commander. The previous December he had been elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. A fine picture of the life and character of this famous Mason may be found in Vol. 3, Pages 51, 52, & 53.

Beginning at the January 10th, 1894 Conclave, we note that The Order of the Temple and The Order of Malta were conferred upon the Candidate the same evening. Prior to this The Order of Malta was conferred at the Conclave following The Order of the Temple.

May 8th, 1895, marks the beginning of the Permanent Fund by the payment of $200.00 for Life Membership.

In August 1895 the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America held its 26th Triennial Conclave here in Boston, Massachusetts. Seven (7) members of this Commandery were appointed to the General Committee and at least one member to every sub-committee. This fact in itself showed that our Commandery held a high position in the esteem of those in authority. St. Bernard's Council received and welcomed its namesake from Chicago. The Armory was open for inspection during the entire Triennial; in fact, St. Bernard kept "open house" for everyone who was in attendance that week and the report of the General Committee states that we were the only Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction to perform this service. For this service the name of St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, K.T., of Boston, became known in all parts of the Country. Many requests were received for the receipt and manner of compounding "St. Bernard Punch" and the reply was "sorry, but it's our secret." Our modest exchange badge was in great demand. The crowning event was the Banquet given by St. Bernard at the University Club, then located at 270 Beacon Street, on Friday evening, August 30th, complimentary to the Officers of the Grand Encampment. At each plate was a handsome menu, attached to which was a Souvenir Spoon, in the bowl of which was a picture of the Masonic Temple. At the end of the handle was a Maltese Cross, while on the back was engraved "St. Bernard No. 12." On the last page of the menu was printed the three verses of our song, which was rendered by our Chorister, Em. Sir George F. Hurd, in a manner that called out many compliments. For this Triennial the sum of $1745.00 was raised among its members by voluntary contributions and with all the lavish entertainment there was a balance of $9.37. St. Bernard Commandery did not parade that year but your historian was advised by those who were around that year that every Sir Knight went back to his respective Asylum to tell about the grand time they had, thanks to St. Bernard Commandery.

In September of 1895 Masonic Temple had a severe fire and St. Bernard lost some of her treasures including the very valuable set of miniature figures in Templar costume. The Commandery now met in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows Building, 715 Tremont Street. The Records do not say much about this fire, but December 11, 1895, found us back in Masonic Temple.

Up to the Annual Conclave and Installation of Officers of December 11, 1895, the Installing Officer had always been a Grand Commandery Officer, but this time Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe performed that task and that was the beginning of our Installations by our own Past Commanders.

On February 10, 1897, Em. Sir Otis E. Weld presented a painting of Saint Bernard which he caused to be painted to replace the one which was badly damaged in the fire of September 1895. Later the original was very well restored by an expert at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Under the date of November 9, 1898, a vote of thanks was made to Sir Richard Briggs, Jr., for a beautiful, capacious and serviceable Punch Bowl he had presented to the Commandery.

For the first time in the Records, under date of March 14th, 1900, special notation is made of the traditional banquet following the Conclave. Up to this time the only reference in the Records was the Annual Dinner which was usually held in December.

It is of interest to note that on Page 101, Vol. 4, a copy of the General Order No. 7, Series 1900-1901, is attached and is the notification to all Sir Knights of the death of Sir Knight William McKinley, President of the United States.

On January 14, 1903, the renewal of the Annual Dinner took place at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Hotel Somerset with 35 Sir Knights and 3 Companions (elected candidates) plus 16 Grand Officers. The Recorder intimates that it was some party.

After the Banquet held following the February 10, 1904, Conclave, the Commandery was entertained by a talk by Sir Charles J. Glidden entitled "From the Pyrenees to the Arctic Circle by Automobile" and was illustrated by the stereopticon. Does the name Glidden ring a bell to any of you? Some of you must remember the famous "Glidden Tours" when automobiles were in their infancy about the turn of the century. The pictures would be most interesting to see now.

About this time, that is, 1901, the custom of nominating for membership and the election of the candidate after he had received The Order of Malta was done away with and the candidate immediately signed the By-Laws.

Commencing with the administration of Em. Sir Herbert Austin, a banquet has been held after each Conclave.

For the second time in its history, St. Bernard Commandery appeared in a public parade mounted on the 24th of May, 1905, the occasion being the Centennial Celebration of the formation of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Commandery was detailed as escort to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and invited guests. Forty-four (44) Sir Knights, Em. Sir Gustave C. Holt, Commander, appeared in the parade which was followed by a luncheon at the Ericsson, 373 Commonwealth Avenue, after the dismissal of the Lines. The escort was heartily praised in all quarters for the knightly bearing and discipline of its members.

On February 14th, 1906, an amendment to the By-Laws was adopted setting up a Permanent Fund for the first time and also establishing a Life Membership by paying the Trustees two hundred and fifty ($250.00) dollars in one payment and that such monies received shall be paid into the Permanent Fund.

A footnote after the Records of December 12th, 1906, is the first comment that the Banquet which followed was "enlivened by exercises anticipatory of Christmas."

On October 9, 1907, it was voted that the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General with such other Sir Knights as they should associate with them be a Committee to make arrangements for celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Commandery. Thus the Commandery, two years in advance, started preparations for its 50th Birthday.

On October 14, 1908, the present St. Bernard Commandery Badge was adopted at a cost of $10.00 each. This Badge was designed by Em. Sirs Henry S. Rowe and Charles M. Green.

At the Banquet following the December 9th, 1908, Conclave, the first reference is made of Santa Claus appearing and distributing of gifts.

On April 14th, 1909, is recorded the first report from the 50th Anniversary Committee stating that the Banquet would be held as near to the date of the constituting of the Commandery as possible and that a portion of the exercises would be an Address by Rev. and Sir Frederick W. Hamilton and an Historical Address by Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis, the Recorder.

One of the most unique and interesting events took place on April 30th, 1909, when Em. Sir Charles M. Green knighted his father and three brothers, the date being the eighty-eighth birthday of his father. A flashlight picture was taken of the family.

December 29th, 1909, was a big day for St. Bernard Commandery, it being the celebration of its 50th Anniversary. The exercises opened in Ionic Hall at 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon with Em. Sir Richard W. Smith, Commander, presiding. The Recorder lists the elected Officers and Past Commanders to the number of eighteen and then adds "other members" but gives no total. This may seem an exaggeration but the records list 63 Officers and Past Commanders of 26 Commanderies were first ushered in as guests and were seated on the north side of the Asylum.

Next the Grand Commander and 16 other Grand Officers were conducted into the Asylum under escort. Lastly, Most Worshipful Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, was received under escort, thus making a total of 81 guests. Music was furnished by the Harvard Quartette, an oration was delivered by Rev. and Sir Knight Frederick W. Hamilton, and an historical address by Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis, Recorder; also brief addresses by Rt. Em. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Commander, and Most Worshipful Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master. The Conclave closed at 4:35 o'clock P.M. and adjourned to the Banquet Hall when a Collation was served until 5:30 o'clock. At 7:00 o'clock the Anniversary Banquet was served at the Algonquin Club with a few carefully selected guests invited. Tradition has it that this was the highlight of all St. Bernard Commandery Dinners; short addresses were made by many distinguished guests and Past Commanders. The Recorder ends his write-up of this event with these words: "The party separated when the hour was late for the day was done." According to the Treasurer's report for that year, $1694.35 was raised by contributions and $1488.94 was spent; your historian was told many years ago that one member of the Commandery paid nearly all the bills.

The Annual Inspection held February 9th, 1910, seems to have been another large night in history. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton, having just been elected President of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templars Commanders, was escorted into the Asylum under escort with one hundred and one members. Em. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Captain General and Inspecting Officer, with a Suite of thirteen, was conducted under escort into the Asylum. Thus we find a guests' list of one hundred sixteen. At the Banquet the Recorder reports that one hundred and seventy-five were in attendance. Again the Annual Reports of both the Recorder and Treasurer show no extraordinary income or expense. At the Inspection the Order of the Temple was the work of the evening and is the first time that this Order was done at Inspection.

At the Conclave held March 8, 1911, the fee for Membership (Affiliation) was advanced from $25.00 to $50.00. The Banquet following the April 12, 1911 Conclave was a complimentary one to the living Past Commanders who were all present except the senior, Em. Sir Henry W. Hartwell, who was quite elderly and had not been able to meet with his Fraters for some time, nevertheless he wrote a most interesting letter which was read, and Em. Sir Harvey N. Shepard, who was then traveling in Europe. Each of the Past Commanders present was introduced and spoke to their Fraters. Em. Sir Frank L. Gibson was Commander that year.

At the Annual Conclave held October 11, 1911, Em. Sir Richard W. Smith was elected Recorder and Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis retired as Recorder after serving for ten (10) years.

At the Banquet following the Conclave of December 19th, 1911, tribute was paid to Em. Sir Everett C. Benton on his election to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, while at the same time he held the office of Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, which is the oldest military organization in the Western Hemisphere. Many distinguished Masons were present on this occasion.

On May 8, 1912, Em. Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Captain of the Guard, of the Grand Commandery and his Suite of thirty-two (32) Sir Knights, made the Annual Inspection of St. Bernard Commandery. He ordered a portion of the work of both the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and The Order of the Temple be exemplified; he then directed that the Order of Malta be exemplified in full form and ceremonial. At the conclusion of the work the Inspecting Officer expressed his great satisfaction at the result of his rigid inspection of his own Commandery, making special reference to the dignified and impressive rendering of the Order of Malta. This was the first time that it has been recorded that St. Bernard Commandery ever worked The Order of Malta in full form and ceremonial.

At the Annual Inspection held March 11, 1914, Em. Sir Frank E. Buxton, Commander, the Order of Malta was worked for the second time in full form and ceremonial.

On April 25th, 1914, Sir George Bent Green passed to the "Asylum Above" five days before his ninety-third (93rd) birthday. He was the oldest member

ever to be knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, having been knighted April 30th, 1909, on his eighty-eighth birthday, by his son, Em. Sir Charles M. Green.

At the January 12, 1916, meeting, Em. Sir Curtis Chipman, Commander, a delegation of Veterans of the Civil War who were members of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templars Commanders were guests of the Commandery; and fifteen (15) veterans are listed in the records.

At the May 9th, 1917, Conclave, Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton, Commander, the Recorder read an edict from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America stating that the Orders of Knighthood should hereafter be conferred as follows:

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
The Order of Malta
The Order of the Temple

Under General Orders of the Grand Commandery dated June 7th, 1917, it was ordered that after September 1st, 1917, every candidate must be in complete Knight Templar Regalia to receive The Order of the Temple. Sir Walter Foster Brookings was the first Knight of Malta to be thus clothed after this edict.

On November 14, 1917, at the Banquet following the Regular Conclave of that date, quote: "Sir Arthur J. Phillips gave notice that he was expecting to go to France in a few days to accept a position with the Y.M.C.A. in their Hospital Department."

Once again, on April 10th, 1918, St. Bernard Commandery had as guests the Civil War Veterans who were members of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templars Commanders. The records list twelve (12) Veterans present.

June 12th, 1918, Sir Walter M. Cameron reported that Sir Arthur J. Phillips, who was with the Y.M.C.A. in France, had been wounded at his post of duty.

During the years of 1917-1918 the records refer to various appeals to the several war efforts and show that St. Bernard more than raised its quotas. The records also show that only two Sir Knights were in the Services, namely, Sir Arthur J. Phillips and Sir Walter F. Brookings.

At the Annual Conclave held October 8th, 1919, the membership was 111 as of its 60th Birthday.

At the Banquet held on that date, October 8, 1919, the Recorder reports that Sir Arthur J. Phillips gave an interesting account of his experiences in France during the war with Germany and also that the last rites for John Barleycorn were celebrated in proper style with Sir Frederick W. Parker acting as Orator for the occasion.

The Official Circular No. 1, Series 1919-1920, from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, shows holding the Head of the Lines, namely, Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Commander, and Em. Sir Wilbur S. Locke, Grand Warder.

On May 26, 1920, the Council and Past Commanders of St. Bernard Commandery tendered a luncheon to Most Eminent Joseph Kyle Orr, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery; several Grand Commandery Officers, Council Officers of Commanderies around Greater Boston and the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts were also Guests. This affair was held at the Point Shirley Club and rumor had it that an enjoyable time was had by all.

The following day, May 27th, St. Bernard Commandery appeared mounted, 30 strong, in a Grand Commandery parade in Providence, Rhode Island, and acted as personal escort to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. The day was a perfect one and the parade was witnessed by thousands. Following the parade, the members of St. Bernard who paraded were entertained at a luncheon in a private dining room at the Hotel Dreyfus. Your Recorder is the only one left who participated in the events of that day. This was the third and last time that the Commandery appeared mounted. Thanks to Sir Channing H. Cox, who was Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, horses from the Commonwealth Armory, 1st Troop, Massachusetts State Guard, were furnished and taken to Providence together with a Stable Sergeant and assistants.

March 7th, 1921, Em. Sir Bert E. Holland, Commander, marked the first time that the Inspection and Review, as it is performed today, was exemplified by this Commandery.

At the Annual Conclave held October 11, 1923, the Recorder reported the membership stood at 129 Sir Knights. This was the peak number of members.

We are now in that period of the Noble Experiment known as the Era of Prohibition or Roaring Twenties. Many interesting events took place which are not recorded, but your Historian will give you a brief list of some of them:

1. Under Em. Sir Frank B. Lawler's administration two events took place —

   a. The strike of Seiler's waiters at a midwinter Banquet and the issue of startling headlines in the *Boston Evening Globe* (only 75 copies were printed) and only four Sir Knights were in on the hoax, namely, the Commander, and Sir Knights Soule, Kittredge and your historian.

   b. In March of that year, was held the Trooping of the Colors of all the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction in the Cadet Armory; ten Sir Knights participated in this event — the Council, Prelate, Banners and two Color Guards.

2. In 1923 a Pilgrimage to Montreal, Canada, was arranged; although thirty-two signed up, only five finally made the trip. The Sir Knights were most royally entertained by the various Masonic Bodies of that "wet" city and the only thing missing was sleep.

3. In the Fall of 1924 a Pilgrimage was made to Chatham Inn on Cape Cod which was operated by Sir Benjamin S. Frost. The dinner was out of this

world with some excellent "oil of gladness" which had been washed ashore near there.

4. In the Spring of both 1927 and 1928 outings were held at the Andover Country Club, Andover, Mass. Both were festive occasions, with golf and other entertainment.

During the Commandership of Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin the sword of Em. Sir Edmund B. Cowles was presented to the Commandery by his widow. This being a very fine Templar sword, it was voted that it be worn by all Commanders during their term of Office.

Then came the Stock Market crash and the depression was on. The Membership began to drop rapidly via demits, deaths and suspensions, yet there was only one (1) year that no petition was presented for The Orders of Knighthood and that was the 75th Anniversary Year when the Membership was down to 85 Sir Knights.

The 75th Anniversary Banquet was held in this very room on December 29th, 1934, with Em. Sir Alden R. Taylor and 43 other Sir Knights and 5 Guests. Our Senior member and Senior Past Commander was present, having now attended the 25th, 50th and 75th Anniversary Banquets of this Commandery. There are now living nine Sir Knights and three Guests who attended that event, namely, Em. Sirs Wiggin, Moore, Taylor and Jeffries, together with Sir Knights Jones, Mower, Mougey, Saltonstall and Amos L. Taylor. Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton gave an oral history of the Commandery since its 50th Birthday. Most Worshipful Claude L. Allen was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts at the time and graced the Head Table. It may be added he is still going strong today. This affair was financed by voluntary contributions and when all the accounts were paid there remained a balance of $14.44 which became the start of our 100th Anniversary Fund.

On June 24th, 1934, a parade was held by the Grand Commandery in Concord, Mass. Although St. Bernard Commandery did not parade, yet, strange as it may seem, the whole affair was run by members of this Commandery and here is the lineup:

Em. Sir Erland F. Fish, Chief Marshal
Em. Sir C. William Morrill, Chief of Staff
Aides to the Chief Marshal
Em. Sir James Keltie,
Sir John N. Ferguson,
Sir Hilbert F. Day, M.D., Head of the Medical Staff

The original plan called for 500 Sir Knights in Line and probably about 5000 spectators, but it ended up with 4000 Sir Knights in Line and over 25,000 spectators. Em. Sir Morrill said that it was probably the first time that the Medical Corps of St. Bernard saw field service.

Each year the total membership kept dropping off until the low point of seventy (70) Sir Knights was reached on June 30th, 1943. Thus from the start

of the depression and well into the Second World War the net loss was 58. It was during the years after the 75th Anniversary Banquet that we would meet once a year for a Dutch Treat Dinner and those were held in this very room. Usually we had some honored guest at the Head Table, and, strange as it may seem, a few dollars were added each year to our 100th Anniversary Fund.

From 1944 to the present time we have climbed steadily onward and upward; the gains more than offsetting our losses or holding even. Today we show a Membership of 94 Sir Knights; out of this number, 72 Sir Knights have signed the By-Laws since January 12th, 1944, or over a period of sixteen (16) years. In other words, 76% of our membership is only about sixteen years old; of the remaining 24% — one (1) shows 49 years a member, one (1) shows 44 years a member and two (2) show 39 years members; the remaining are rather spread out from 1920 to 1944.

Now let us see who some of our Sir Knights were and what high offices they held or are holding in the various Masonic Bodies. Your historian has not had the time to find out who have been Worshipful Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, minor Grand Officers, High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Illustrious Masters and minor Grand Officers, but it is probably safe to say that nearly 70% have had that honor.

In the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts the following have served as Grand Masters:

Em. Sir Charles A. Welch	1878-80
Em. Sir Samuel Wells	1890-92
Em. Sir Richard Briggs	1893 (to July)
Em. Sir Harvey N. Shepard	1893 (July-December)
Em. Sir Otis E. Weld	1894
Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton	1912-13
Sir Melvin M. Johnson	1914-16
Em. Sir Curtis Chipman	1932-34
Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton	1935 (Honorary)
Em. Sir Albert A. Schaefer	1941-43
Sir Arthur W. Coolidge	1944
Em. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson	1954-56

This makes a total of twelve (12) and one in the offing.

Eleven (11) have served as Deputy Grand Masters
Thirteen (13) have served as Senior Grand Wardens
Seven (7) have served as Junior Grand Wardens
One (1) has served as Grand Treasurer
Three have served as Grand Secretary, namely,

Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis	1908-14
Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton	1915-40
Sir Earl W. Taylor	1952-

In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts the following have served as Grand High Priests:

Em. Sir Richard Briggs	1865-67
Em. Sir Curtis Chipman	1922-24

Six (6) have served as Deputy Grand High Priests
One (1) has served as Grand King

In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts the following have served as Grand Master:

Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton	1909-11
Em. Sir William H. L. Odell	1915-17

In the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island the following have served as Grand Commanders:

Most Em. Sir William W. Baker	1867-69
Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton	1919-20

Em. Sir Raymond D. Douglass is the present Grand Generalissimo

When we examine the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite here in the Valley of Boston, District of Massachusetts, we find that many of our Sir Knights have been very active:

Sir Melvin M. Johnson, 33°, Active for Massachusetts, was Sovereign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction from September 28th, 1933, to December 31st, 1953.

Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton, 33°, was an Active for Massachusetts and Deputy for Massachusetts from 1920 to 1940.

The following have been Thrice Potent Masters of Boston-Lafayette Lodge of Perfection:

Rt. Em. Sir William W. Baker, 33°	1849-52
Sir Moses C. Plummer, 33°	1895-98
Sir Melvin M. Johnson, 33°	1917-19
Em. Sir Laurence E. Eaton, 33°	1954-57
Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin, 33°	1957-60

The following have been Sovereign Princes of Giles F. Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem:

Em. Sir William H. Chessman, 33°	1875-79
Em. Sir Bert E. Holland, 33°	1926-29
Em. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson, 33°	1950-53
Sir Carroll B. French, 33°	1956-59
Sir Lester B. Young, 32°	1959-

The following have been Most Wise Masters of Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix:

Sir William D. Stratton, 33°	1863-84
Sir Benjamin S. Frost, 33°	1913-16
Em. Sir Frank B. Buxton, 33°	1916-19
Em. Sir Curtis Chipman, 33°	1931-32
Sir Frank A. North, 33°	1935-37
Em. Sir Charles C. Balcom, 33°	1946-48
Sir Philip A. Enholm, 33°	1948-51
Em. Sir Thomas G. Walters, 33°	1951-54
Sir Earl W. Taylor, 33°	1954-57

The following have been Commanders-in-Chief of Massachusetts Consistory:

Sir James A. Davis, 33°	1901-03
Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton, 33°	1907-09
Sir Edward S. Benedict, 33°	1910-13
Em. Sir George C. Thacher, 33°	1913-16
Sir Joseph A. Bryant, 33°	1916-19
Em. Sir Wilbur S. Locke, 33°	1919-22
Em. Sir Frank B. Lawler, 33°	1931-34
Em. Sir Ethelbert V. Grabill, 33°	1946-49
Em. Sir Hubert N. Bernard, Jr., 33°	1955-58
Sir Donald W. Vose, 32°	1958-

Sir Knight Vose has been elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree next September together with Em. Sir George B. Rowell, 32°.

In Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. the following served as Illustrious Potentate:

Sir Frank A. North, 1936

Em. Sir George B. Rowell is its present Assistant Rabban.

Your historian regrets that time has not allowed him to check and find out how many of our Sir Knights have been coroneted with the Thirty-third Degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. At the present time eleven (11) Sir Knights hold that honor and two more have been elected to receive it next September. The statement was once made several years ago by one from another District that at that time St. Bernard Commandery had the highest percentage of Thirty-third Degree Masons of any Commandery in the United States of America.

While on the subject of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, let it be known that the highest award given by the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is the Gourgas Medal which is awarded "in recognition of notable distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, Humanity and Country" and only nine (9) members have been so honored. St. Bernard Commandery is probably the only commandery in the country that can show that two of the nine awards are from our ranks, namely — Sir Melvin M. Johnson, 33° in 1946, and Sir Christian A. Herter, 33° in 1959.

Now St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, K.T., is one hundred (100) years of age and how many Sir Knights have signed the By-Laws over that period? Answer, only 492 and by deducting eight of the nine Charter Members we find that 484 have either been knighted or were elected to membership; thus we have an average of less than five (5) per year.

The records show that eighty (80) Sir Knights have held the office of Eminent Commander and eight (8) have been Recorders, with the first and last Recorders covering a period of fifty-seven (57) years, or over half the age of the Commandery.

At one time there were in the Commandery three (3) members of the Cloth: two (2) Episcopalians and one (1) Unitarian; also there were three (3) General Officers of the Army, namely, Major General Erland F. Fish, Brig. Generals John H. Sherburne and William E. Horton; the latter was, at the time of his knighting, the most decorated officer in the United States Army. It seems safe to say that, commencing with the First World War, nearly fifty (50) Sir Knights have served in some branch of the Armed Forces.

In the field of politics we have quite a record for a small Commandery. The governorship of the Commonwealth has been held by Sir Knights Cox, Saltonstall and Herter; the Lieutenant Governorship by Sir Knights Cox and Coolidge and Em. Sir Bacon; the Speaker of the House by Em. Sir Bacon, and Sir Knights Saltonstall and Herter; and Em. Sir Fish was President of the Senate. For one of the longest periods in the history of the Commonwealth Sir Knight Frederic W. Cook was its Secretary. Down in Washington, D. C., our light has been carried and is carried by our Sir Knights: Sir Knight Wadsworth was once Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Sir George Holden Tinkham was, for many years, a well known figure in the House of Representatives; Sir Leverett Saltonstall is the Senior Senator from Massachusetts; Sir Christian A. Herter has served for two terms in the House of Representatives and is now Secretary of State.

Thus we could go down through the various professions and businesses and find our Sir Knights very active in all their fields of endeavor, but time will not permit.

And so Old St. Bernard has become of age, one hundred years of a very active and useful life. There have been times of sorrow and distress as well as those of happiness. Times when we had quite a debt hanging over us, but by all working together it was erased and not by one or two bailing it out. Today we live within our income and owe no one.

This has always been a small Commandery of closely-knitted Sir Knights who are Fraters in the real sense of the word and who pride themselves in being able to call each other by their first names. May those that carry on after us for the next one hundred years say at their Two Hundredth Anniversary, "we have kept the faith" and "we're all Fraters in St. Bernard."

Now your historian hopes that he has not only entertained you, but has given you a peek into the past life of our Beloved Commandery, and may the next one hundred years be as fruitful as the first.

PART 3

ADDENDA

APRIL 6, 1960

On this evening St. Bernard Commandery completed its final event in connection with its One Hundredth Anniversary. This was a Ladies' Night and was held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, with a cocktail party at seven o'clock P.M. and followed by one of Seiler's delicious suppers.

Music was furnished by Bill Reynolds' Orchestra.

After the welcoming of the Guests by the Eminent Commander, Hubert N. Bernard, Jr., the one and only regular toast "to the Memory of Saint Bernard" was drunk, followed by the St. Bernard Commandery song, with Eminent Sirs Whitfield W. Johnson, Arthur J. Phillips and Harry L. Wiggin singing the verses.

The entertainment was furnished by Sir Axel H. Anderson and was a lecture by Edward Rowe Snow entitled "The Wonderful, Terrible Sea" and was illustrated with moving pictures.

There were present thirty-two Sir Knights and their wives, three Sir Knights stag, and two Guests — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rowe Snow.

Thus the celebrations of our Centennial Year came to a close.

ORGANIZATION

1959-1960

Commander
Em. Sir Hubert N. Bernard, Jr.

Generalissimo
Sir Douglas G. Lillie

Prelate
Em. Sir Arthur J. Phillips

Captain General
Sir Harborne W. Stuart

Senior Warden
Sir Carl C. Peterson

Assoc. Prelate
Sir Edmund L. Seaquist

Junior Warden
Sir Geoffrey L. Pippette

Treasurer
Em. Sir Charles H. Moore

Recorder
Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin

Standard Bearer
Em. Sir T. Legare Fenn

Masters of Ceremonies
Em. Sir Thomas G. Walters
Em. Sir Sten G. Nyberg
Em. Sir Herbert H. Jaynes

Sword Bearer
Em. Sir Laurence E. Eaton

Warder
Sir John N. Hall

Captain of the Guard
Em. Sir J. Amory Jeffries

Captains

Third Guard
Sir Joseph R. Cotton

Second Guard
Sir Chester W. Eaton

First Guard
Sir Joseph S. Balcom

Guards

Sir Charles F. Albert
Sir Robert N. Alger
Sir Gilbert W. Anderson
Sir Harvey Atkinson
Sir Scott G. Wakefield, Jr.
Sir Ralph H. Bonnell
Sir Collins Graham
Sir Chester W. Mack
Sir Theodore O. Nicholson
Sir Paul K. McElroy
Sir Joseph L. Wissman
Sir Frederic L. Pike
Sir Carlton S. Redmond
Sir Charles M. Vanner
Sir Donald W. Vose

National Color Bearer
Em. Sir George B. Rowell

Beauseant Bearer
Em. Sir Edward Dana

Librarian
Em. Sir Harvey E. Weir

Surgeons

Sir Frank C. Ober
Sir Neil L. Crone
Sir John W. Chamberlain
Sir Theodore C. Pratt
Sir Sidney C. Wiggin

Musical Director
Em. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson

Commissary and Refectioner
Sir Donald desGranges

Asst. Musical Director
Em. Sir Thomas G. Walters

Sentinel
Em. Sir Charles H. Moore

Armorers
Em. Sir Raymond D. Douglass
Sir E. Wayne Donaldson

Trustees
Em. Sir Arthur J. Phillips (to May 1961) Em. Sir J. Amory Jeffries (to May 1960)

Ex-Officiis
Treasurer, Commander, Recorder

Past Commanders

*Rt. Em. Sir William W. Baker	1859
*Em. Sir P. Adams Ames	1862
*Em. Sir Henry Mulliken	1864
*Em. Sir F. Lyman Winship	1867
*Em. Sir Charles A. Welch	1869
*Em. Sir Samuel Wells	1871
*Em. Sir Otis E. Weld	1873
*Em. Sir John Kent	1875
*Em. Sir William W. McKim	1877
*Em. Sir George F. Hurd	1879
*Em. Sir Henry W. Hartwell	1880
*Em. Sir William H. Chessman	1882
*Em. Sir William H. Kennard	1884
*Em. Sir Richard Briggs	1887
*Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis	1890
*Em. Sir Thomas S. Spurr	1892
*Em. Sir Henry S. Rowe	1893
*Em. Sir J. Foster Bush	1895
*Em. Sir Benjamin L. M. Tower	1897
*Em. Sir Isaac H. Locke	1899
*Em. Sir James T. Soutter	1901
*Em. Sir Fred E. Jones	1902
*Em. Sir Charles E. Phipps	1903
*Em. Sir Herbert Austin	1904
*Em. Sir Gustavus C. Holt	1905
*Em. Sir Robert J. Dunkle	1906
*Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton	1907
*Em. Sir Harvey N. Shepard	1908
*Em. Sir Charles M. Green	1909
*Em. Sir Richard W. Smith	1910
*Em. Sir Frank L. Gibson	1911
*Em. Sir George C. Thacher	1912
*Em. Sir Wilbur S. Locke	1913
*Em. Sir Frank E. Buxton	1914
*Em. Sir Joseph W. Hodgkins	1915
*Em. Sir Curtis Chipman	1916
*Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton	1917
*Em. Sir William H. L. Odell	1918
*Em. Sir Richard C. DeNormandie	1919
*Em. Sir James Keltie	1920
*Em. Sir Bert E. Holland	1921
*Em. Sir Frank B. Lawler	1922
*Em. Sir Lorenzo Green	1923
*Em. Sir Percival B. Metcalf	1924
*Em. Sir Ethelbert V. Grabill	1925
*Em. Sir Rufus L. Clark	1926
Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin	1927
*Em. Sir J. Alfred Dolben	1928
*Em. Sir Edward H. Kittredge	1929
*Em. Sir C. William Morrill	1930
Em. Sir Charles H. Moore	1931
*Em. Sir Henry S. Adams	1932
*Em. Sir Erland F. Fish	1933
Em. Sir Arthur J. Phillips	1934
Em. Sir Alden R. Taylor	1935
*Em. Sir Arthur P. Crosby	1936
*Em. Sir Gaspar G. Bacon	1937
Em. Sir J. Amory Jeffries	1938
*Em. Sir Nelson Curtis	1939
Em. Sir Reuel W. Beach	1940
*Em. Sir Richard H. Miller	1941
*Em. Sir Charles C. Balcom	1942
*Em. Sir Edward H. Palmer	1943
*Em. Sir Albert A. Schaefer	1944
Em. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson	1945
Em. Sir Edward Dana	1946
Em. Sir T. Legare Fenn	1947
*Em. Sir Edward N. Chase	1948
Em. Sir Henry E. Strout	1949
Em. Sir Raymond D. Douglass	1950
Em. Sir Thomas G. Walters	1951
Em. Sir Harvey E. Weir	1952
Em. Sir Laurence E. Eaton	1953
Em. Sir George B. Rowell	1954
Em. Sir Herbert H. Jaynes	1955
Em. Sir Barrett Adams	1956
Em. Sir Dana K. Seiler	1957
Em. Sir Henry D. Harmon	1958
Em. Sir Sten G. Nyberg	1959

*Deceased

MEMBERSHIP

1959-1960

Barrett Adams
Wesley C. Ahlgren
Charles F. Albert
Robert N. Alger
Axel H. Anderson
Gilbert W. Anderson
Harvey Atkinson
Herbert B. Babcock
Joseph S. Balcom
Hubert N. Bernard, Jr.
Ralph H. Bonnell
John W. Chamberlain
Eugene H. Clapp, 2nd.
Forrester A. Clark
Joseph R. Cotton
Channing H. Cox
Neil L. Crone
Edward Dana
Frank S. Deland
Donald desGranges
Alfred H. Dolben
E. Wayne Donaldson
Raymond D. Douglass
Chester W. Eaton
Laurence E. Eaton
Sumner W. Elton
T. Legare Fenn
Stanley G. H. Fitch
Carroll B. French
Charles J. Gabriel
William S. Gibson
David M. Goodwin
Elliott V. Grabill
Collins Graham
John N. Hall
Henry D. Harmon
H. Rushton Harwood, Jr.
Christian A. Herter
George E. Hills
Vernon B. Hitchins
Parker B. Holden
Herbert A. Jackson
Herbert H. Jaynes
J. Amory Jeffries
Laurence H. H. Johnson
Whitfield W. Johnson
Wallace St.C. Jones
Richard E. Kiel
Calvin A. King
Douglas G. Lillie
Chester W. Mack
Stephen E. Mathews
Paul K. McElroy
Charles H. Moore
Penfield Mower
Frederick K. Mougey
Frederick H. Nickels
Sten G. Nyberg
Frank R. Ober
Carl C. Peterson
Arthur J. Phillips
Frederic L. Pike
Sumner Pingree
Geoffrey L. Pippette
Theodore C. Pratt
Carlton S. Redmond
Winslow A. Robbins
George B. Rowell
Leverett Saltonstall
Edmund L. Seaquist
Dana K. Seiler
Charles M. Shriner
Tower C. Snow
Henry E. Strout
Harborne W. Stuart
Walter J. Sugden
Alden R. Taylor
A. Leavitt Taylor
Amos L. Taylor
Earl W. Taylor
William M. Tetrick
Harold J. Toole
Carl W. Trempf
Charles M. Vanner
Donald W. Vose
Scott G. Wakefield, Jr.
Thomas G. Walters
Harvey E. Weir
Donald A. Welch
Harry L. Wiggin
Sidney C. Wiggin
Arthur P. Wilcox
Harold P. Williams
Joseph L. Wissman
Edward P. Wyeth
Lester B. Young

It is the opinion of your historian that certain interesting facts should be added to this historical account, namely:

On December 8th, 1959, in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts —

Em. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson was installed Deputy Grand High Priest.

On December 28th, 1959, in the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts —

Em. Sir Laurence E. Eaton was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

Sir Carl C. Peterson was installed as Deputy Grand Master

Sir Earl W. Taylor was installed as Grand Secretary

Sir John N. Hall was installed as Grand Marshal

A list of those upon whom the Thirty-third Degree has been conferred:

Rt. Em. Sir William W. Baker
Em. Sir Henry Mulliken
Em. Sir Charles A. Welch
Em. Sir William D. Stratton
Em. Sir Samuel Wells, Jr.
Em. Sir William H. Chessman
Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis
Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton
Sir James A. Davis
Em. Sir Wilbur S. Locke
Sir Moses C. Plummer
Em. Sir Frank E. Buxton
Em. Sir George C. Thacher
Em. Sir Curtis Chipman
Sir Benjamin S. Frost
Em. Sir William H. L. Odell
Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton
Em. Sir Bert E. Holland
Sir Edward S. Benedict
Sir Joseph A. Bryant
Em. Sir Frank B. Lawler
Em. Sir Ethelbert V. Grabill
Sir Channing H. Cox
Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin
Sir & Rev. Percy T. Edrop
Sir Frank A. North
Sir Leverett Saltonstall
Sir Melvin M. Johnson (Sovereign Grand Commander 1933-1953)
Em. Sir Albert A. Schaefer
Em. Sir Charles C. Balcom
Sir Christian A. Herter
Em. Sir Whitfield W. Johnson
Sir Arthur W. Coolidge
Sir Philip A. Enholm
Em. Sir Thomas G. Walters
Sir Earl W. Taylor
Em. Sir Laurence E. Eaton
Em. Sir Hubert N. Bernard, Jr.
Sir Frederic L. Pike
Sir Carroll B. French
Elected for Class 1960 { Em. Sir George B. Rowell
Sir Donald W. Vose

A list of those who have been elected to the Massachusetts College of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis:

Em. Sir Richard Briggs
Em. Sir Herbert Austin
Rt. Em. Sir Everett C. Benton
Sir Jay B. Benton
Em. Sir George C. Thacher
Em. Sir Curtis Chipman
Sir Joseph H. Goodspeed
Em. Sir William H. L. Odell
Sir Winthrop C. Durfee
Em. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton
Em. Sir Bert E. Holland
Sir Edward S. Benedict
Sir Joseph A. Bryant
Em. Sir Frank B. Lawler
Em. Sir Harry L. Wiggin
Sir Frank A. North
Sir Robert J. McKechnie
Em. Sir Nelson Curtis
Sir Melvin M. Johnson
Em. Sir Albert A. Schaefer
Em. Sir Charles C. Balcom
Em. Sir Edward Dana
Sir Henry W. Stevens
Em. Sir Raymond D. Douglass
Sir Philip A. Enholm
Em. Sir Thomas G. Walters
Sir Joseph R. Cotton
Em. Sir Laurence E. Eaton
Em. Sir Hubert N. Bernard, Jr.
Sir Frederic L. Pike
Sir Carroll B. French
Em. Sir Henry D. Harmon

Our First and Only Regular Toast

Written by Em. Sir George F. Hurd

1.

As valiant, true, and courteous knights,
Once more we gather here,
And once again loved St. Bernard
Fills up the cup of cheer.
We link again the golden chain
And keep our watch and ward,
With steady hand and lance in rest,
For love of St. Bernard.

CHORUS

For love of St. Bernard,
For love of St. Bernard,
With steady hand and lance in rest,
For love of St. Bernard.

2.

The friendship flowers we pluck tonight
Are sprung from those that grew
Where bracely from the castled height
The Templar's banner flew;
And ours the lay of olden time,
Of poet, sage, and bard,
Who drained their knightly cups and sung
The praise of Saint Bernard.

CHORUS

The praise of St. Bernard,
The praise of St. Bernard,
Who drained their knightly cups and sung
The praise of St. Bernard.

3.

As one by one the Master calls
From us who watch and wait,
As one by one we pass the cloud
That veils the golden gate,
Be ours to leave a spotless page,
With knightly jewels starred,
When we no more may fill the cup
At feast of St. Bernard.

CHORUS

At feast of St. Bernard,
At feast of St. Bernard,
When we no more may fill the cup
At feast of St. Bernard.

This poem was written and delivered by Em. Sir Thomas W. Davis at the Annual Dinner held at Young's Hotel on November 24, 1883.

St. Bernard was a monk of Burgundy,
As all of us should know
For thence comes wine, and when we dine,
Our glasses filled with vintage rare,
We may call to mind the man of Prayer,
Of faith sincere and life austere,
Who lived in the Province of Burgundy
Seven hundred years ago.

St. Bernard was the Faith's defender,
As all of us should know
Who have pledged our name and knightly fame
That, when our swords from their scabbards leap,
They shall guard the faith of those who sleep
'Neath foaming wave or in nameless grave,
Who died on the way to the Sepulcher
Seven hundred years ago.

St. Bernard took pleasure in fasting
As all of us should know
But better he planned when wiser, and
The good things of earth, by advice of physician,
He used (as do we), to improve his condition.
On this action is based our St. Bernard feast,
Thus ordained by the good old Saint himself
Seven hundred years ago.

St. Bernard could shun temptation
As all of us should know
Visions unblest once filled his breast,
The love of a woman had entered in.
He was cured by a terrible discipline,
Cold water, they say, drove the demon away,
But applied — wise Saint — externally,
Seven hundred years ago.

St. Bernard was true to his chosen friends,
As all of us should know
His followers we, we are pledged to be
Faithful to each Sir Knight who here
Joins in our song and our words of cheer,
As round the board the wine is poured
For the name of St. Bernard, who died
Seven hundred years ago.